Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 02 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 03 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 01 Feb 2022 at 15:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for milder, less windy weather on Wednesday then change to much colder, very windy conditions later Thursday and on Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 02 Feb 2022: Mostly cloudy, milder. Patchy rain in west at first then more persistent rain spreading eastwards during afternoon. Extensive hill fog.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 02 Feb 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	30%	20%	10%	50%	70%	70%

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Feb 2022

Weather: Cloudy with patchy light rain, mostly dying out during the morning. Otherwise drier with a little brightness in east towards Ben Wyvis. Rain will become more persistent in west during afternoon turning heavier in evening and extending eastwards.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in west of area, 60% in east.

Low cloud and visibility: Often poor visibility in west over Knoydart, Skye and Torridon with clouds well down the hills. Visibility improving good for a time inland during morning with clouds lifting above some of the tops. Visibility will become poor in many areas during afternoon and evening with clouds becoming extensive down to 500 or 600m.

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Forecast for Wednesday 02 Feb 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	25/31 W	25/30 W	23/28 W	22/27 W	25/31 SW	31/38 SW	31/40 SW	31/40 SW	31/42 SW
900	23/29 W	23/28 W	22/27 W	21/26 W	23/29 SW	28/35 SW	29/38 SW	29/38 SW	30/40 SW
600	17/23 W	15/20 W	15/20 W	14/19 W	16/23 SW	18/26 SW	20/29 SW	20/30 SW	21/32 SW
300	4/23 W	2/18 W	4/19 W	3/17 W	5/21 SW	5/24 SW	7/28 SW	9/29 SW	10/31 SW
Glen	8/17 W	4/11 W	7/15 W	5/13 W	6/15 W	11/23 SW	13/25 SW	11/25 SW	13/28 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	0/-7	1/-6	1/-5	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	2/-5
900	-0/-7	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	4/-3	4/-2	3/-3	3/-4
600	2/-4	3/-2	3/-1	4/-0	4/-0	5/1	6/1	5/0	5/-0
300	4/2	4/2	4/3	5/4	6/4	7/5	7/5	7/5	6/4
Glen	7/4	6/5	7/5	7/6	8/7	9/6	9/6	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	800m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note winds not as strong on tops and higher freezing levels but still a very cold feel with temperatures only a few degrees above freezing.

Forecast for Thursday 03 Feb 2022

Weather: Cloudy with patchy rain in the morning, mainly hills towards West Coast. A band of heavy rain will move eastwards across all parts early in the afternoon then drier, clearer, much colder weather following by evening with wintry showers.

Maximum wind: A very windy day with severe gale or even storm force winds on higher ridges and summits. Southerly winds increasing during morning, average speeds 40 to 50mph with gusts 70mph, veering westerly by evening and decreasing a little.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% mainly north and east of area during morning, improving 60% during evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly poor visibility in west with clouds well down the hills. Good visibility over hills in north of area during morning with clouds lifting above the tops. Good visibility in all areas by evening with clouds lifting and breaking up.

Temperature: **Glens:** 10 Celsius falling to 4 Celsius by evening.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius falling to minus 4 Celsius by evening.
Freezing level: 1200m lowering to 400m by evening.

Sunday	Heavy overnight rain soon clearing. Then a drier and brighter day with wintry showers. Strong westerly winds on the summits with freezing level lowering to 400m.

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